

United States economy. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a rule providing for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 119 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walorski, Blumenauer, Polis, and McKinley.

THE FUTURE OF FOSSIL: ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES LEADING THE WAY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “The Future of Fossil: Energy Technologies Leading the Way”. Testimony was heard from Roger Aines, Senior Scientist, Atmospheric, Earth and Energy Division, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Jason Begger, Executive Director, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority; and public witnesses.

ACHIEVING GOVERNMENT-WIDE VERIFICATION OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Achieving Government-Wide Verification of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robb Wong, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; William Gould, Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator, Small Business Administration; and a public witness.

THE VA ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT: ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act: One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Peter O’Rourke, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

COMBATING FRAUD IN MEDICARE: A STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Combating Fraud in Medicare: A Strategy for Success”. Testimony was heard from Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Gloria L. Jarmon, Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Alec Alexander, Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

MODERNIZING STARK LAW TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM VOLUME TO VALUE IN THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Stark Law to Ensure the Successful Transition from Volume to Value in the Medicare Program”. Testimony was heard from Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIA’S OCCUPATION OF GEORGIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia’s occupation of Georgia and the erosion of the international order, after receiving testimony from David Bakradze, Ambassador of Georgia to the United States, Luke Coffey, Heritage Foundation, and Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine sharks, 10:15 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine trade and commerce at United States ports of entry, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary (Management), and Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's government reorganization proposal, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, S. 3060, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, and S. 3168, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine promoting justice for victims of crime, focusing on the Federal investment in DNA analysis, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities and their families age, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Cryptocurrencies: Oversight of New Assets in the Digital Age", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Powering America: The Role of Energy Storage in the Nation's Electricity System", 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission", 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6351, the "Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness and Jobs Act"; and H.R. 6378, the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Future of Money: Digital Currency", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Current Developments in Central Asia", 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5171, the "Ski Area Fee Retention Act"; H.R. 5347, the "Lyon County Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Act"; H.R. 5532, the "Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Act"; H.R. 5556, the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018"; H.R. 5923, the "Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act"; H.R. 5979, the "Mill Springs Battlefield National

Monument Act"; H.R. 6038, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6040, the "Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act"; and H.R. 6146, the "Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018", 10:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, hearing entitled "Regulatory Divergence: Failure of the Administrative State", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Department of Energy Veterans' Health Initiative Act; and legislation on Chemical Assessment Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6348, the "Small Business Access to Capital and Efficiency Act"; H.R. 6347, the "7(a) Real Estate Harmonization Act"; H.R. 6330, the "Small Business Runway Extension Act of 2018"; H.R. 6369, the "Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2018"; H.R. 6367, "Incentivizing Fairness in Subcontracting Act of 2018"; legislation on the Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act of 2018; H.R. 6316, the "Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2018"; and H.R. 6368, the "Encouraging Small Business Innovators Act", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "Are We Ready? Recovering from 2017 Disasters and Preparing for the 2018 Hurricane Season", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "An Update on the Implementation of the Forever GI Bill: Is VA Ready for August 1st?", 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3309, the "Social Security Online Tools Innovation Act"; and H.R. 6377, the "Save Community Newspaper Act of 2018", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled "The Effects of Tariffs on U.S. Agriculture and Rural Communities", 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the state of transatlantic relations, 10 a.m., SH-216.